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STAR TROUPERS

Two girls scream as they are whipped around on the Star Trooper ride on the Halifax waterfront Thursday. The fair is one of many summer events that are in full swing over the long weekend. For more, see [metroNEWS](#). JEFF HARPER/METRO

Fate of park up in the air

EXHIBITION PARK

Private developers interested in important area



Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Halifax

Calls are already coming in from private developers, asking if and when the soon-to-be shuttered Exhibition Park will go to market.

Nova Scotia's Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal announced Thursday the iconic arena, home to such events as the Maritime Fall Fair and various commercial showcases, will be shut down permanently come mid-November.

Stephen MacKenzie, manager of acquisitions and disposal with the department, said it's still only the beginning stages of the divestment process, which starts with exploring interest levels of

potential buyers.

"First we do public, and if there's no interest then we do private," he said Thursday.

By next week, a surplus notice will be issued to different levels of government that then decide whether or not to "kick the tires" around the idea of acquisition, he said.

City spokesperson Jennifer Stairs said Thursday it's too early yet to comment, but it is the city's "duty to explore when a unique land holding becomes available."

MacKenzie said there is no timeline as to when the site will be opened to the private sector, but estimated to having a sense of governmental interest by mid-September.

"It'll all depend on what interest comes forward, right?" So far, he said, at least three private developers have called in regards to the property. MacKenzie said the appraised value of the 112-acre site is between \$5 and \$6 million.

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Podcast is ‘as good as a cure’

SICKBOY

Show explores the lighter side of terminal illness

 **Zane Woodford**
Metro | Halifax

Jeremie Saunders is dying. And so are you, but you shouldn't let it get you down. “No matter if you’re sick or not, we’re all dying.”

“And if you just take a moment to actually sit with that, it could have some really profound effects on how you live your life,” Saunders said Thursday.

The 27-year-old actor and yogi is sick.

He has cystic fibrosis: a fatal, genetic disease with no cure that affects the lungs, intestines and immune system.

As a form of therapy, Saunders and two friends, Taylor MacGillivray and Brian Stever, started Sickboy Podcast.

The concept: “Sick people talk about what it’s like to be sick,” but in a comedic way, not a “heavy” one.

Each episode will feature a different guest — someone else like Saunders suffering from a serious disease.

Saunders said the conversations can get “introspective” sometimes, but the three hosts find ways to keep it light.

“It’s sort of like a roller



Jeremie Saunders, Taylor MacGillivray and Brian Stever, co-creators of the Sickboy Podcast. COURTESY VICKI JEJA

coaster — an up and down — of emotions when you’re listening to the podcast,” he said.

Some people may find their sense of humour off-putting, Saunders warned, “due to joking about things like fatal illnesses like cystic fibrosis or brain cancer.”

“But as someone who lives with a chronic and fatal disease, those moments of laughter are... it’s like a cure. It’s as good as a cure,” he said.

We don’t want it to be heavy. We don’t want it to be a big downer.

Jeremie Saunders

to strangers, not wanting his illness to define him.

“I wanted people to know me for me, and then later on, find out that I’m dealing with this illness, but I’m starting to realize now that I have this story that I can share that is actually really inspirational.”

“I feel like I have this obligation to share that, not only to inspire and help other people who are ill, but also people who are healthy.”

The trio has three episodes already finished, and guests lined up for fourth and fifth episodes.

After launching their website and a blog post Wednesday, they’ve had potential guests from all over the world emailing, hoping to be on the podcast.

Saunders said he’s “overwhelmed,” yet grateful for the outpouring of support he’s had on social media since the

website launched, especially considering they’ve yet to release episode one.

He said the podcast is a passion project, and it’s been a joy to create.

“I hope that whoever does listen to it can find just as much, if not more joy from listening to it.”

The first episode will be up on iTunes on Sept. 17, right after a launch party at a yet-to-be-decided location.



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Disabled artists show off what they can do at Alderney Landing

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Paintings, clothing and more up for sale at festival



Haley
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Metro | Halifax

For Marie Webb, art is simply her "thing."

On Thursday, Webb displayed her colourful art in print form as well as a dress made from fabric carrying her swirling, vibrant work as one of more than 40 participants at the Art of Disability Festival.

"My art is my thing," Webb said, smiling constantly as she talked, wearing a bright pink jacket, made — like the dress — in collaboration with a NSCAD University student.

In its fourth year, the festival at Alderney Landing saw tables full of artists with different mental and physical disabilities displaying their work for sale as crowds of people browsed the paintings, clothes, drawings and works of all kinds and musicians performed throughout the day.

Webb, who has Down syndrome, said she likes working with markers but also paints and recently had an



Marie Webb poses for a photo with some of her work at the fourth annual Art of Disability Festival at Alderney Landing on Thursday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

exhibit at the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia.

She said she really likes to talk with people who drop by to look at her work.

"It really empowers me," Webb said.

Hundreds were expected to come through the doors of the festival Thursday, said Nicole McDonald, festival organizer with Independent Living Nova Scotia.

"We're running out of

room to put all this," McDonald said with a nod to the crowds of art lovers and booths.

The event began as a part of the Halifax Busker Festival four years ago, McDonald



Artist Kelly Brennan JEFF HARPER/METRO

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Art of Disability Festival organizer
Nicole McDonald

said, but has steadily grown as more artists and members of the public became interested.

"It's very important for people with disabilities to show the general public what we can do; that we can be contributing members of society," McDonald said.

"We have talents and we can be creative."

The exposure for artists who may not have been able to showcase their work otherwise is especially important for those starting a business,

McDonald said, like Kelly Brennan, who was showing lighthouse paintings and other landscapes Thursday.

Brennan, of Timberlea, said she launched Pittoria di Kelly (pictures by Kelly in Italian) in honour of her family's Italian heritage two weeks ago. She works with oil and acrylic.

"It is good for people with disabilities to get creative, just get expression," Brennan said.

"You can do stuff like anybody can do."

WASTE COLLECTION NOTICE GARBAGE/ORGANICS/RECYCLABLES

Natal Day

Please be advised that there will be no garbage, organics or recyclables collection services on Natal Day, Monday, August 3rd, 2015. Collection services for that day will be provided the preceding Saturday, August 1st, 2015.

Collection Services can begin as early as 7am. To ensure collection please place materials curbside the evening prior to collection day.

WEEKLY GREEN CART COLLECTION WILL CONTINUE UNTIL THE END OF AUGUST

No Collection Canada Day Monday, August 3rd	→	Collection will occur the preceding Saturday, August 1st
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Izza Flambe heats up the Halifax Waterfront Thursday as part of Halifax International Busker Festival. The festival runs all weekend and hosts 15 performers from all over the world. JEFF HARPER/METRO

All about Natal Day weekend

There's no shortage of things to do this holiday weekend as events of all kinds and warm weather promise a fun-filled time for people attending the Halifax Busker Festival, Journey in concert, or Natal Day festivities. The 120th annual Halifax-Dartmouth Natal Day celebrations run Friday through Monday with thousands expected to break out their city pride for fireworks, free concerts, family events, a Public Gardens party, a road race, the largest civic parade in Atlantic Canada and much more. Halifax Transit is providing free service on Saturday for the Alderney Ferry to help you catch all the fun as we celebrate more than a century of Natal Day HALEY RYAN/METRO HALEY.RYAN@METRONEWS.CA

4 THINGS YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS



Food time

Get your flapjack fill on for free Monday morning from 8 to 11 a.m. at Hydrostone Park thanks to the men and women of CFB Halifax. The Spryfield Lions Club is also putting on a free breakfast Monday from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at the Spryfield Sobeys on Herring Cove Road.



High in the sky

There are three opportunities to catch fireworks this weekend, with the largest set for Saturday at 10 p.m. from a barge in the harbour. Catch the display anywhere along the Halifax or Dartmouth waterfronts. Other fireworks include a 9:30 p.m. show Sunday on the South Common in Halifax, and Monday at 9:45 p.m. at Lake Banook in Dartmouth.



Everyone loves a parade

The 120th Natal Day Parade takes place from 10 a.m. to noon on Monday and runs from Novalea Drive to North Street, then across the Macdonald Bridge to Sullivan's Pond in Dartmouth. Come out and see clowns, marching bands, floats and majorettes.



Music time

Head to Alderney Landing on Saturday to catch the free concert running from 5 to 10 p.m. Headliner David Myles is set to perform alongside Mo Kenny, Gary Beals, and Kim Harris before the harbour fireworks light up the sky.

WHAT'S OPEN, WHAT'S CLOSED

- **Grocery and liquor stores** are open Natal Day, but stock up before the evening.
- **Sobeys, Atlantic Superstore and NSLC** locations (besides those in malls) are open from noon to 6 p.m. on Monday.
- **Mic Mac Mall, Park Lane and the Halifax Shopping Centre** are open from noon to 5 p.m. while Scotia Square is closed all day.
- **Many drug stores** are open until 5 p.m. or on a reduced schedule so call ahead before you go.
- **Independent liquor stores** like RockHead Wine & Beer Market, Propeller Brewery's Gottingen Street and Dartmouth locations, Garrison Brewing, and Bishop's Cellar are open until at least 8 p.m., with varying hours.
- **The Moosehead Cold Beer Store** in Burnside is open 10 a.m. to midnight.
- **All banks** are closed on Monday, as well as Halifax library branches and Canada Post offices.
- **Transit buses** are operating on a holiday schedule on Natal Day, and require the regular fare.
- **No garbage, organics or recyclables collection services** on Natal Day, Monday. Collection services for that day will happen on Saturday.
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Fair move a fresh start for some

EXHIBITION PARK

Event was losing its roots, says committee member



Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Halifax

Although the impending closure of Exhibition Park may mean the end of an era for many Haligonians, it's a fresh start for an old favourite.

For the past decade, the Maritime Fall Fair has been drifting farther away from its agricultural roots, said David Logie, co-chair of the fair's steering committee.

At one time the fair was host to various agricultural competitions and product showcases, but now, he said has become "just a horse show with some entertainment."

"All of the things that we produce in the province should be represented at that fair and they're not," Logie said Thursday.



Oxen wait for their turn to pull at the Maritime Fall Fair in October 2014. METRO FILE

"But they will be again."

Reviving the agricultural component of the fair is perhaps the silver lining for the committee that decided to cancel this year's event after the province announced its Exhibition Park venue has significant structural

deficiencies and would close mid-November.

"We understand that this is disappointing news for our clients and the community," a spokesperson from Trade Centre Limited said in an email to Metro Halifax Thursday.

The crown corporation transferred the property to the province after a building assessment revealed it would cost \$9 million to upgrade the facility, including roof repairs due to last winter's snowfall.

Under the Trade Centre Lim-

ited's management, Logie said he and other vendors agreed the fair's programming had become repetitive.

"Everyone just complains every year about the cost of being there and how our program has just gone downhill," said

P.E.I.-based Jasmine Bastarache, who is an annual vendor at the fair with her horse and riding apparel business.

Although she's disappointed to hear this year's event has been called off, she said after last year's attendance levels and sales she was on the fence about attending at all.

"It's just not worth it," she said Thursday.

By fall 2016, Logie hopes to change that.

He said his dream is to return to a newly renovated Exhibition Park because it's a one-of-a-kind venue that allows for the entire exhibition to be under one roof, sparing the event from uncooperative weather.

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David Logie

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Skull found at former school site is human

NEW GLASGOW

Workers given a scare while tearing down old ceiling

Police have confirmed that the skull found in the former Temperance Street School in the New Glasgow area is human.

Tim Tanner, developer of the renovation project, said his workers were demolishing an original ceiling within the building Wednesday afternoon when something resembling a human skull fell down on them.

He said the object looked adult size.

Workers also located an eagle's head and snakes in jars in the attic.

His company immediately called the New Glasgow Regional Police Service.

Tanner said there is access



New Glasgow police were at the site of the former Temperance Street School on Wednesday afternoon after the discovery of a skull. NEW GLASGOW NEWS

to the attic by a staircase.

The New Glasgow Regional Police major crimes unit and forensics unit are working with the medical examiner's office in the preliminary stages of the investigation.

Const. Ken MacDonald

had no further information about disappearances when speaking with the media on Thursday.

NEW GLASGOW NEWS

MORE LOCAL NEWS ONLINE

CRIME

Sexual assault under investigation

Police are investigating a sexual assault that took place during the early morning hours Thursday in Dartmouth.

A woman was walking along a pathway connecting Collins Grove and Regal roads when, according to a news release from Halifax Regional Police, "a man approached her from behind, threatened her and then touched her in a sexual manner over her clothing."

She was able to make her way home and later described the man to police as a white

+ TIPS?

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man in his 40s who is about five-foot-eight with a medium build, light-coloured eyes and short, light-coloured hair. He was wearing a dark-coloured hoodie at the time, she told police.

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IN BRIEF

Missing Dartmouth teen found 'safe and sound'

A teenage girl who had been missing for four days has been found "safe and sound," Halifax Regional Police said Thursday evening.

Sarah Curry, 16, of Dartmouth was reported missing to police on Monday. She was last seen leav-

ing Prince Albert Road on Sunday afternoon, according to an earlier HRP news release.

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PROBLEMS AFLLOAT BLUENOSE II BACK IN THE SHOP The Bluenose II is once again undergoing repairs after a bearing in its steering pump broke. Wilson Fitt, the project manager for the Bluenose II, says the problem with the bearing was detected while the vessel was sailing this week and a check on the system was made when the schooner returned to harbour. He said a replacement bearing was sent to Nova Scotia from Vancouver on Wednesday evening and he expects repairs will be complete by Friday evening. JEFF HARPER/METRO FILE

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Critics say money just windfall from the feds

The final books for fiscal 2014-15 saw the Nova Scotia government register a \$143.7 million deficit — a figure \$135.3 million lower than forecast in the 2014 budget.

The Finance Department, which released financial statements Thursday for the fiscal year that ended March 31, said the improvement was largely due to reduced departmental expenses and increased income and sales taxes.

Government revenue was \$172.5 million higher than budgeted mainly due to \$110 million from the so-called prior year adjustment.

The money is the province's share of federal tax revenues from previous years that are finally paid out.

Finance Minister Randy Delorey acknowledged that the figure is largely beyond the control of his department, which can only make a best guess when it tables any budget. He pointed out that in the previous fiscal year the government received \$250 million less than it had estimated.

"We must forecast and model as best we can and we must continue to be diligent in those items that are largely within our control," Delorey said.

However, total expenses were up \$92.7 million from the budget estimate, partly due to an increase in spending in some departments and \$131.5



Acting leader of the provincial NDP Maureen MacDonald says she questions whether the government's fiscal direction is sustainable. METRO FILE

million in extra costs for things such as snow clearing and environmental cleanups.

Progressive Conservative finance critic Tim Houston said it's clear the finances would have been worse without the extra money from Ottawa.

Houston said he'd like to see the finances improving because of an improved economy.

"That's not the case," he said. "We are seeing the finances improving because of a windfall."

Acting NDP Leader Maureen MacDonald also picked up the theme and questioned whether the government's fiscal direction is sustainable. She said the Liberals have chosen to hold

off on things such as opening more long-term care beds and filling vacant government positions.

"At some point you have to bite the bullet around that," said MacDonald.

But Delorey, who was only appointed to his portfolio in last week's cabinet shuffle, said he believes the government's fiscal plan is working.

"There is still a lot of work to be done to get to a balanced budget, however we are confident we are on the right track," he said.

The government forecasted a deficit of \$97.6 million for 2015-16 in its budget tabled in April. THE CANADIAN PRESS

HUMAN RIGHTS

Tribunal says tribal band interfered with woman's work

A Canadian Human Rights tribunal says a native band in Nova Scotia retaliated against a woman who fought to become a fishing boat captain.

In a recent decision, the tribunal says the Millbrook First Nation interfered with the work Stacey Tabor was doing on a fisheries research team.

It also found the band made it difficult for Tabor to access funding to upgrade her qualifications and education.

The tribunal dismissed several other allegations Tabor made about the band's treatment of her.

Tabor argued that the band retaliated against her because of an earlier complaint she filed with the tribunal alleging Millbrook denied her a job in the fishery because of her gender.

The tribunal ruled in her favour.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

MEDIATOR

Sides have not reached settlement yet

Tribunal member Sophie Marchildon says she will try to help the two sides reach a settlement in the disputes, as they have not been able to reach an agreement.



Halifax's QEII Health Sciences Centre. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Demand will be ‘immense’

SENIORS PLAN

Health minister seeks public's help with new care strategy

The Nova Scotia government is looking for public feedback as it develops a continuing care plan for seniors which includes the possibility of user fees and direct funding.

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On Thursday, Health Minister Leo Glavine released Continuing Care: A Path to 2017 to guide discussions for the eventual policy.

The document recommends areas of focus based on an evaluation of the original continuing care strategy from 2006.

It proposes changing the placement policy to give priority to people with the highest needs, using performance-based contracts for care providers, and considering giving people money directly

Glavine said the plan is to revamp a system that is not sustainable as demand increases with the province's rapidly aging population.

"The demand that will come at us in the next quarter century is indeed immense," said Glavine.

"This is why working on efficiencies now will enable us to develop a sustainable system."

With nearly 8,000 long-term care beds in the system the province said as recently as May that more than 2,000 people remain on the waiting list.

Currently seniors comprise about 17 per cent of the province's population, but that number is expected to grow to 22 per cent over the next eight years, according to the planning document.

+ FEEDBACK

Input wanted by Sept. 11

Leo Glavine is asking people in the province to provide feedback on the plan before Sept. 11. A new five-year continuing care strategy is to be released in 2017.

FEDERAL REPORT

Aquaculture study raises eco concerns

Environmental groups are raising concerns about a new federal report on Canada's \$1-billion aquaculture industry, saying the study appears to be focused on ramping up production at the expense of the environment.

A spokeswoman for the Atlantic Salmon Federation, which is opposed to the use of open-net pens in salmon farming, says the Senate report released Thursday calls

for more research instead of tougher regulations and enforcement.

"We cannot wait years for research to give us the data and then have changes implemented," Sue Scott said in an interview from St. Andrews, N.B.

N.B. "Research is important but we have known for about 15 years about the impact of (farmed salmon) escapees on wild Atlantic salmon. We've

been out there with the data and it hasn't made much of an impact on the government or the industry to improve operations."

ator, said a new aquaculture act could be used to water down existing regulations in the name of clearing red tape.

"The need is for stronger regulation and enforcement," he said.

"It's going the other way and deferring to industry self-regulation ... The priority is pushed off onto research rather than stronger regulations and

enforcement that we know we need now." THE CANADIAN PRESS

A full-page promotional flyer for Kia's "Clear the Lot" clearance event. The top half features a large red banner with the "KIA" logo, the slogan "CLEAR THE LOT", and a "CLEAROUT ON ALL 2015s" callout. To the right, it highlights a "\$1,000 BEST-IN-CLASS BONUS" with "UP TO \$1,000" in large white text and "BEST-IN-CLASS BONUS" in large red text. Below this, a "LIMITED TIME OFFER ON SELECT MODELS" and "5 DAYS ONLY FROM JULY 27 - 31" are mentioned. The middle section shows a bright green Kia Soul hatchback with the headline "TOP QUALITY, LASTING VALUE". To the right of the car, the 2015 Kia Soul 1.6L LX MT model is detailed with a starting price of \$13,245 plus a \$3,750 best-in-class bonus. It includes well-equipped features like Bluetooth, heated front seats, and a rearview camera. Awards shown include "HIGHEST RANKED COMPACT MULTI-PURPOSE VEHICLE IN INITIAL QUALITY IN THE U.S." and "ALG BEST RESIDUAL VALUE IN ITS CLASS 2 YEARS IN A ROW". The bottom section introduces low lease rates for the 2016 Kia Sorento with the headline "INTRODUCING LOW LEASE RATES ON THE 2016s". It features a silver Kia Sorento with the headline "TOP QUALITY, TOP SAFETY". The Sorento lease is offered from \$63 weekly, \$298 monthly with \$1,500 down, and a 1.9% APR for 36 months. It includes options like Bluetooth, heated front seats, and a rearview camera. Awards shown include "HIGHEST RANKED MIDSIZE SUV IN INITIAL QUALITY IN THE U.S." and "2015 IIHS TOP SAFETY PICK". A small graphic at the bottom left offers to "BUY ANY CAR & YOU COULD WIN \$100,000". Logos for Best Managed Companies, Oregon's Driving Higher Standards, KIA Halifax Dartmouth, and a 5-year warranty seal are also present. The bottom right features the KIA logo with the tagline "The Power to Surprise". Fine print at the very bottom provides legal disclaimers about the offer terms and conditions.



URBAN SURF KINGS HANK REVS UP TUNES AT NOON Rev Hank of the Urban Surf Kings entertains the crowd as part of Tunes at Noon at Grand Parade on Thursday. The annual concert series takes place every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in July and August. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Payroll relief totalled \$60M

FINANCE

Money given by province to promote 'job creation' in '14

 **Zane Woodford**
Metro | Halifax

The province announced more than \$60 million in payroll rebates in the 2014-15 fiscal year, according to Nova Scotia Business Inc.'s annual report. The crown corporation said in a release Thursday it "charted 17 payroll rebates to encourage job creation."

The Royal Bank of Canada, IT company NTT Data Canada and defence contractor Lockheed Martin Canada were the biggest beneficiaries, collectively making up more than half of the total rebates that were announced. Other top beneficiaries were DSM Nutritional Products, Slyce Holdings and Manulife Financial.

Of the 16 companies that re-

WHO BENEFITS

Biggest pieces of pie

The Royal Bank of Canada, IT company NTT Data Canada and defence contractor Lockheed Martin Canada received more than half of the rebates.

ceived payroll rebates, 13 are located in Halifax or Dartmouth, with others setting up in Windsor, Bridgewater, New Waterford and Mulgrave. Only two of the companies are based in Halifax: Karma Gaming and Metamaterial Technology. Nine of the companies are Canadian, with four headquartered in Toronto. Three are based in the U.S., one in the Cayman Islands and another in the Netherlands.

NSBI said it hit its goals to "attract and grow leading-edge, sustainable business investment." Its goal for average gross salary of new jobs created through payroll rebates was \$45,000, and it reported a forecasted average of \$53,750.

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Emma Van Rooyen KINGS COUNTY REGISTER FILE PHOTO

Councillor resigns amid 'dysfunction'

KINGS COUNTY

Emma Van Rooyen steps down as rep for District 2

It looks like voters in District 2 in Kings County will be heading back to the polls, as Coun. Emma Van Rooyen has resigned her seat, effective immediately.

Van Rooyen issued a letter of resignation to chief administrative officer Tom MacEwan on Thursday.

In an email to media, she said the matter would be on the agenda at a special council meeting that same evening, following a public hearing at 6 p.m. at the council chambers in Kentville.

Van Rooyen thanked the citizens of the district for electing her in October 2012 and said working in the community and with community members was a great privilege. She added she didn't make the decision lightly.

"I have chosen to leave my position because of what I see as the deep dysfunction in Kings County council's leadership," she wrote in her resignation letter. "I feel the current leadership jeopardizes this council's ability to represent the citizens of Kings County and make responsible decisions on behalf of the electorate."

She said some senior councillors have often referred to politics as "blood sport."

Van Rooyen said, in her experience, "this metaphor has been used to excuse a litany of manipulative and irresponsible behaviour, including backroom decision-making, aggression in in-camera meetings, block voting and personal vendettas."

"In my opinion, politics is not a sport," she wrote. "It is not a game. The decisions councils make, on behalf of the citizens they represent, can have very real repercussions, can deeply affect the prosperity of our communities, and the quality of people's lives." KINGS COUNTY REGISTER

IN BRIEF

Woman found dead in cell had history of mental-health and drug-use problems

A 22-year-old inmate found dead in her cell at the Nova Institution for Women had a history of mental-health and substance-abuse issues.

Camille Strickland-Murphy, who had been serving a sentence of two years, eight months and two days, stemming from last Nov. 10, in St. Johns, NL, was found un-

responsive in her cell Tuesday evening at the women's prison in Truro.

During her sentencing, Newfoundland provincial court judge Pamela Goulding noted that Strickland-Murphy had suffered from attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder, social anxiety disorder and panic disorder, and had a history of alcohol and drug abuse. TRURO DAILY NEWS

TRAVEL

Time ticking on ferry-operator decision

The province's transportation minister says that by mid-August a decision will need to be made on who will operate ferry service between Nova Scotia and Maine in 2016.

"We've got a very short window here to make a final decision," Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal Minister Geoff MacLellan said in Yarmouth.

He also said the province wants to ensure there is no

disruption between this sailing season and the next one regardless of who operates the service — Nova Star Cruises or someone else.

"We need continuity in the service so we can't have a disruption at this point," MacLellan said. "Two years has gone into re-establishing and developing that market, and letting travellers again know that the service is in place, so to have a disruption now would be detrimental

to the overall success that we're striving for."

MacLellan said he and others were to meet with Nova Star officials this week to discuss this season's numbers, including the service's passenger numbers, revenue and operational costs. Nova Star Cruises has a one-year contract with the government for this season.

"This is no longer a conversation about 2015, this is about where sustainability is," MacLellan said. He said the province and others want to see the service succeed, but not, he said, "at all costs." YARMOUTH VANGUARD

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The government has committed up to \$13 million for ferry service between Nova Scotia and Maine this year.

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THINGS VOTERS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE CAMPAIGN

Stephen Harper is poised to fire the starting gun for the Oct. 19 federal election. Sources say the prime minister is set to visit Gov. Gen. David Johnston within days, possibly as soon as Sunday, to formally dissolve Parliament and launch what will be the costliest and — at 11 weeks — one of the longest campaigns in Canadian history. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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1 Number of days

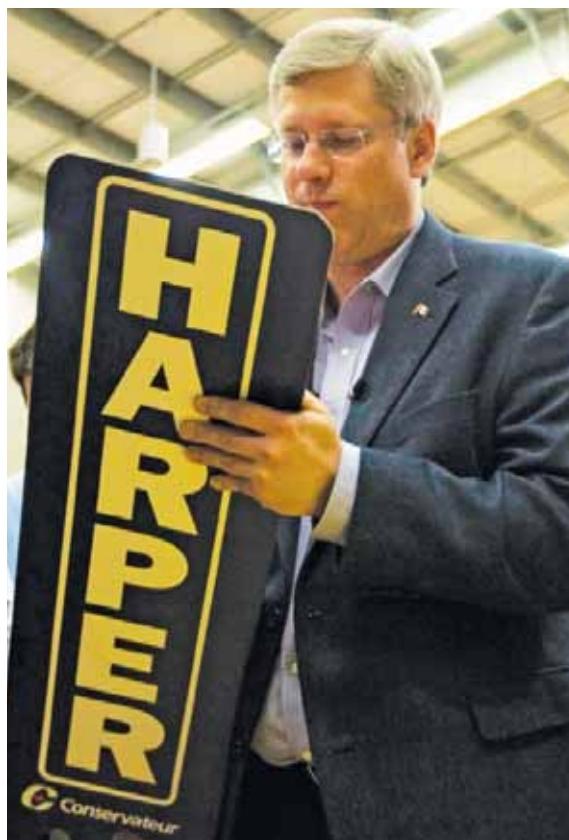
Elections law requires a minimum campaign of 37 days. It does not impose a maximum length. Harper is choosing to make this the longest traditional campaign in Canadian history. Only the first two election campaigns after Confederation were longer — 81 days in 1867 and 96 days in 1872 — but in those early days voting was staggered across the country over a period of several months, necessarily extending the length of the campaigns. Since then, the longest campaign was 74 days in 1926.



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2 Cha-ching

Due to legislation passed last year by the Harper government, campaign spending limits for parties and candidates will increase by 1/37th for every day longer than 37 days. Even had this campaign lasted just the minimum length, it was already on target to be the costliest in history, with spending limits of about \$25 million for each party and an average of \$100,000 for each candidate. Those limits will more than double for an 11-week campaign. That gives an advantage to Harper's Conservative Party as its candidates have raised more money than any other party.

**3 Campaign costs**

Elections Canada estimates that a five-week campaign would cost about \$375 million to administer. A longer campaign will mean the agency must pay untold millions more to rent office space, furniture and equipment for returning officers in each of the country's 338 ridings and for staff in those offices. Taxpayers will also foot the bill for much larger rebates to parties and candidates, who receive reimbursements for 50 per cent and 60 per cent, respectively, of their eligible election expenses.



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4 It's debatable

The tradition of holding two televised leaders' debates, the pivotal point of modern election campaigns, will not apply this time. The Conservatives upended that tradition last spring by announcing that Harper would not participate in the one French and one English debate sponsored by a consortium of broadcasters. Instead, there will be a series of at least four debates sprinkled throughout the campaign and sponsored by a variety of sources, starting Aug. 6 with a debate sponsored by Maclean's magazine.

5 Ready, set, vote

Under legislation passed by the Harper government last year, voters will need to produce identification that shows where they live before being allowed to cast ballots. As well, voter information cards sent to all electors by Elections Canada will no longer be considered valid pieces of ID. Electoral experts have warned these two measures could disenfranchise tens of thousands of voters, particularly the elderly, young people and aborigines who are least likely to have proof of address.



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WOMEN'S HEALTH**Cabinet ministers mum on abortion pill**

Conservative cabinet ministers shied away Thursday from questions about Health Canada's decision to approve the abortion drug known as RU-486.

Justice Minister Peter MacKay declined to comment on the decision during a stop in Calgary to make an unrelated announcement.

"Oh gosh. I think that would best be directed to (Health) Minister (Rona) Ambrose," he said.

"It is an issue of course for women, families, Canadians everywhere, but I think your question would best be directed to Health Canada. Personal

opinions are best kept personal."

Health Canada confirmed late Wednesday that it has approved the drug for use here, a decision that comes two-and-a-half years after the manufacturer's application was submitted.

Women will need to obtain a prescription from a doctor to purchase the pill.

Ambrose told reporters in St. Albert, Alta., that the decision did not rest with her.

"It's out of my hands and the decision is final," she said.

"Any of those details you would have to speak to the of-

ficials at Health Canada and the scientists that actually manage the regulatory approval process. I'm not involved in it."

Ambrose cancelled two events scheduled for Thursday afternoon and Friday in Edmonton and area. No reason was given.

A Conservative MP from Saskatchewan strongly condemned the government for approving the drug.

The RU-486 drug has been available since 1988 in France and was approved for use in the United States in 2000.

Vicki Saporta, CEO of the

+ BACKGROUND

The move comes 10 years after the World Health Organization endorsed the drug on its list of essential medicines that all countries should have available.

National Abortion Federation and its Canadian offshoot, NAF Canada, has said the drug probably won't be available in Canada until early next year.

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TERROR TRIAL**Cairo court delays journalist's verdict**

Mohamed Fahmy's legal saga was drawn out further on Thursday as an Egyptian court abruptly postponed a much-anticipated verdict in his widely denounced terror trial.

The Canadian journalist — who was first arrested 19 months ago — expressed frustration at the delay, which will now see him return to a Cairo court on Aug. 2.

"It's just mind boggling the way they continue to play with our emotions here," Fahmy told The Canadian Press. "It's very

hard on everyone."

The delay means more anxious anticipation for Fahmy, who admitted a postponement of a verdict was not one of the outcomes he had prepared for.

Canada's minister of state for consular affairs said the government was calling on Egypt to use "all the tools at its disposal" to resolve Fahmy's case.

Amidst the stress of the last week, Fahmy added that he and his then-fiancée, Marwa Omara, had married each other.

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MISSING AIRCRAFT

**Investigators
say washed-up
wing part from
a Boeing 777**

A sea-crusted wing part that washed up on an island in the western Indian Ocean may be the first trace of Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 since it vanished nearly a year and a half ago — and a tragic but finally solid clue to one of aviation's most perplexing and expensive mysteries.

Malaysia's prime minister said Thursday the debris found on the French island of Reunion will be sent for investigation to the French city of Toulouse, hub of the European aviation industry.

"We have had many false alarms before, but for the sake of the families who have lost loved ones and suffered such heartbreaking uncertainty, I pray that we will find out the truth so that they may have closure and peace," Najib Razak said on his personal blog.

Najib promised to make any new information public quickly.



French police carry a piece of debris from a plane in Saint-André, Reunion Island, on Wednesday. LUCAS MARIE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Air-safety investigators — one of them a Boeing investigator — have identified the component as a "flaperon" from the trailing edge of a Boeing 777 wing, a U.S. official said. Flight 370, which disappeared March 8, 2014 with 239 people on board, is the only 777 known to be missing.

The piece could help investigators figure out how the plane crashed, but whether it will help search crews pinpoint the rest of the wreckage is unclear, given the complexity of the currents in the southern Indian Ocean and how much time has elapsed since the plane disappeared. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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SPACE

Comet probe finds basic parts for life

Scientists say the Philae space probe has gathered data supporting the theory that comets can serve as cosmic laboratories in which some of the essential elements for life are assembled.

Philae, which is part of the European Space Agency's Rosetta mission, used two separate instruments to "sniff" for molecules during its bumpy landing on comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko last November.

In an article published Thursday in the journal Science, researchers said they spent months analyzing the data and concluded that 67P contains at least 16 organic compounds. Four of them, including acetone, hadn't been detected on a comet before.

"Comets are loaded with all the raw materials like water, CO₂, methane, ammonia, needed to assemble more complex organic molecules, perhaps sparked by UV-photons from the sun or cosmic rays or in the shock that occurs when a comet hits the surface of a planet like the young Earth," said Mark McCaughran, a senior scientific adviser at the European Space Agency.

It's not yet known whether

Comets are loaded with all the raw materials ... needed to assemble more complex organic molecules.

Mark McCaughran,
European Space Agency

the complex molecules found in 67P were made in the early solar system and then incorporated into the comet or formed there later, he said. "Either way, it seems that comets are pretty good places to find the building blocks of molecules which later on could be used for life."

McCaughran, who wasn't directly involved in the study, dismissed recent reports that evidence of life itself had been found on the comet.

But he said the prebiotic compounds that were detected might be coaxed into even more complex molecules such as amino acids, including by a planetary impact. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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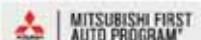
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IN BRIEF

Safari Club suspends U.S. hunter's membership

An international hunting organization is suspending the membership of the U.S. hunter accused of illegally killing a protected lion in Zimbabwe and wants a "full and thorough investigation" into the lion's death.

Safari Club International, which promotes big-game hunting worldwide, issued a statement Wednesday saying memberships for Walter Palmer and his guide in Zimbabwe, Theo Bronkhorst, will be on hiatus until investigations are complete.

Bronkhorst is facing criminal charges in Zimbabwe over the July 1 killing of the beloved lion named Cecil. Palmer has said he believed the hunt was legal.

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Chimps not legal persons, New York judge rules

A judge has dismissed a lawsuit that sought to free two chimpanzees from a New York state university by arguing the human-like animals deserved "personhood" status.

State Supreme Court Justice Barbara Jaffe writes in a decision made public Thursday that she is bound by a higher court's decision from considering Leo and Hercules as people.

The Nonhuman Rights Project had filed court papers in Manhattan to remove the chimpanzees from Stony Brook University on Long Island, where they are used in locomotion studies.

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Plainclothes Israeli police detain a man after people were attacked with a knife during a gay pride parade on Thursday in central Jerusalem. Israeli police said six people were stabbed. SEBASTIAN SCHEINER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Six people stabbed at gay pride parade

JERUSALEM

Alleged attacker guilty of similar charges in 2005

An ultra-Orthodox Jewish man lunged into a group of revelers leading Jerusalem's annual gay pride parade and stabbed six of them Thursday evening as they marched in the holy city, Israeli police and witnesses said.

The alleged attacker, Yishai Schlissel, had recently been released from prison after serving a term for stabbing several people at a gay pride parade in

2005, police spokeswoman Luba Samri said, adding that he was arrested at the scene of Thursday's attack.

Eli Bin of Israel's emergency service said six young people were wounded in the attack, two of them seriously.

The annual parade was proceeding as planned when the crowd's joyful chants gave way to screams. Panic ensued, and a bloody woman fell to the ground, an Associated Press photographer at the scene said.

A man with blood seeping from his back wandered around with a dazed look before collapsing. Another man with his shirt

off also had blood dripping down his back. Medics quickly surrounded them both and applied pressure to stop the bleeding.

Jerusalem police spokesman Asi Ahroni said there was a "massive presence" of police securing the parade but "unfortunately the man managed to pull out a

knife and attack."

Shaarei Tzedek hospital said it was treating a man with stab wounds who was in serious condition and a woman in critical condition, both in their 20s.

Media reported that thousands of Jerusalem residents who had not participated in the parade joined in after the attack in solidarity.

"I do think that homophobia is rooted in the city, but that's the point of the parade," said Benny Zupick, 21, shortly after the attack. "We are trying to change that ... It takes one man to create a scene like this. Hopefully he's a minority." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AFGHANISTAN

Taliban report death of leader, name heir

The Taliban confirmed the death of longtime leader Mullah Mohammad Omar and appointed his successor Thursday, as a new round of peace talks was indefinitely postponed amid concerns over how committed the new leadership is to ending the militant group's 14-year insurgency.

The Afghan Taliban Shura, or Supreme Council, chose Mullah Omar's deputy, Mullah Akhtar Mansoor, as its new leader, two Taliban figures announced, saying the seven-member council had met in the Pakistani city of Quetta.

Mansoor is considered close to Pakistani authorities who hosted peace talks earlier this month, and his election could widen an internal split

between fighters who favour negotiations with the Afghan government and those who want to continue an insurgency that has gained speed following the end of the international combat mission last year.

Mansoor has effectively commanded the movement for the three years since Mullah Omar's previous deputy and co-founder of the movement, Mullah Abdul Baradar, was arrested by Pakistani authorities.

Observers say he has the respect of battlefield commanders and is behind the intensification of the war in recent months as a means of strengthening the Taliban's hand as it enters into a formal dialogue with Kabul.

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OHIO

Officer pleads not guilty to murder

A white U.S. police officer who shot a black motorist after stopping him over a missing licence plate pleaded not guilty Thursday to charges of murder and voluntary manslaughter.

The July 19 death of 43-year-old Samuel DuBose in Cincinnati, Ohio, comes amid months of national scrutiny of police dealings with African-Americans, especially those killed by officers.

Officer Ray Tensing, 25, appeared at his arraignment Thursday wearing a striped jail suit, with his hands cuffed behind him.

When Judge Megan Shanahan set bond at \$1 million, people in the courtroom audience cheered and the judge rebuked them. The judge rejected the defence attorney's contention that Tensing wasn't at a flight risk.

Tensing's attorney Stewart Mathews said that there are two sides to the case and that the much-viewed body camera video of the stop can be interpreted differently from the prosecutor's version.

Mathews described Tensing, who is due back in court in August, as "very depressed" and "in shock at this point," adding that Tensing has felt "like he's been run over by a train from the state of the case and it continues." Tensing, who could face up to life in prison if convicted, has said he thought he was going to be dragged under the car and "feared for his life," according to Mathews.

Authorities so far have not focused on race in the death of DuBose. But city officials who viewed video footage released from Tensing's body camera said the traffic stop shouldn't have led to a shooting.

"This officer was wrong," Cincinnati Police Chief Jeffrey Blackwell said Wednesday, adding that officers "have to be held accountable" when they're in the wrong.

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Police officer Ray Tensing
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Bombardier profits down

MANUFACTURING

New CEO cutting costs amid slumping sales abroad

Bombardier said it will delay the debut of a new business jet it had touted as an example of its forward thinking as it announced plans Thursday to cut costs amid a drop in profits.

After his first full quarter at the helm, CEO Alain Bellemare said he has a stronger grasp of what the company needs to do to turn around and it is looking to reduce the cost of making its planes and trains.

"After five months on the job, I have a better understanding of our challenges and opportunities," said Bellemare, who took over in February, on a conference call with investors.

"We are taking specific action, including the launch of our Bombardier transformation plan, a disciplined approach to cash management and the strengthening of our leadership team to reshape the company and ensure



A Challenger jet comes in for a landing past the Bombardier plant in Montreal in May.

RYAN REMIORIZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

our long-term success."

The company said the debut of its new Global 7000 business jet will be delayed until 2018, two years after its original schedule of 2016. Bellemare said a review of the project was nearly complete and that the first test-flight plane

is currently being assembled in Toronto.

Bombardier reported a second-quarter profit of \$125 million US, down from \$155 million a year ago, as a stronger U.S. dollar hurt revenue.

Chief financial officer Pierre

Alary said falling demand for its business jets from China and Russia helped drag down its profits, but the company expects demand to rebound in the second half of the year.

Net orders for its business airplanes fell to eight during the

\$4.6B

Second quarter total revenue, compared to \$4.9B in Q2 last year.

second quarter from 30 a year earlier, the company said, while orders for its commercial aircraft fell to three from 18 last year.

In May, the company said it would cut about 1,750 employees in Montreal, Toronto and Ireland, citing the same weak demand for its business jets.

Bombardier is looking for new options for its rail business as it prepares an initial public offering for a minority stake in the division. Bellemare said the company is open to an alternative but it is not considering selling the entire rail unit.

The plane and train maker, which keeps its books in U.S. dollars, said revenue totaled \$4.6 billion for the quarter, compared with \$4.9 billion in the same quarter last year. However, excluding the impact of foreign exchange, revenue was up two per cent.

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IN BRIEF

Spain's quarterly growth best since pre-crisis

Spain's economy expanded by one per cent in the second quarter compared with the previous three-month period, its best rate since before the economic crisis began in 2007. It was Spain's eighth consecutive quarterly growth figure.

Spain was battered by the global financial crisis and only emerged from a double-dip recession at the end of 2013. It still has a 22.4 per cent unemployment rate, the second highest in the European Union after Greece.

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TECHNOLOGY

Nokia sees second quarter growth



Nokia CEO Rajeev Suri. MARK-KU ULANDER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nokia enjoyed a solid 60 per cent rise in net profit in the second quarter, with a good performance in its core networks division suggesting the Finnish company is succeeding in turning its business around since selling its handsets operation to Microsoft in 2013.

Hannu Rauhala, senior analyst at Pohjola Bank, said the figures dispelled fears among investors that Nokia would suffer from a general sluggishness in global network business.

The profit of 347 million euros (\$383 million) beat expectations and Nokia's stock jumped more than 9 per cent to 6.51 euros in midday Helsinki trading.

Overall sales in the period increased 9 per cent to 3.2 billion euros, helped by currency fluctuations but also increased demand for software in mobile

unit, which accounts for 85 per cent of total revenue, was expected to see growth of some 8 to 11 per cent for the full year. It also expects improvement in the other two remaining sectors, HERE mapping services and Nokia technologies, which handles the lucrative licensing portfolio.

After being the No. 1 global mobile phone maker for 14 years, Nokia was unable to meet the challenges of Apple's iPhone, Samsung and Asian phone makers. It has, however, managed to stage a turnaround since selling its unprofitable handset unit to Microsoft for 5.4 billion euros in 2013.

The new, scaled-down company launched a tablet this year and says it is seeking a partner to return to the cellphone business.

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broadband and global services.

"It was a good performance for Nokia, and I think markets had been worried that it too would have shown signs of the general slowdown in the industry," Rauhala said.

Nokia said that the networks

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GREEK DEBT CRISIS

IMF hesitating on third bailout

An International Monetary Fund official says the IMF cannot participate in another Greek bailout until Greece and its creditors make difficult decisions on economic reforms and debt relief.

Briefing reporters on condition of anonymity, the official says Greece needs to commit

to reforms and creditors must provide debt relief — extending loan terms or reducing the debt outright — that will allow Greece to pay its bills over time.

"It's always been clear the IMF will only come in once these conditions are in place," he said, suggesting that point is months

away.

Still, the fund is participating in ongoing debt talks.

The IMF has said Greece's debts are likely to rise to 200 per cent of its economic output in the next two years, a burden the fund calls unsustainable.

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THE KOHLER REPORT: ON BARE BREASTS



Police officers need to accept that no matter how uncomfortable, nervous or randy a topless lady might make them feel, female bodies aren't indecent.

I used to date a guy who loved to take his shirt off. His favourite place in which to go topless was any sunny one, any hot one or, really, any public one. It wasn't long before I realized he was a douchebag and broke it off. That said, as much as he was a dipstick, had a police officer ever stopped him and told him to put a shirt on, I would have been appalled. In Canada, each of us has a right to be a topless douchebag.

Headlines went gaga this week for three sisters in Kitchener-Waterloo, Ont. They were stopped by police while bike riding top-nude. According to the sisters, the officers'

first concern was that they cover up, but when one of the ladies started recording the interaction, police concern mysteriously turned from breasts to bicycle safety (bells, lights, helmets etc.) It seems they knew not to challenge a bare breast on camera.

The long-short story of toplessness in Canada goes something like: In 1991, Gwen Jacob was arrested and found guilty for walking home from the University of Guelph topless (the charge was indecency). In 1996, the Ontario Court of Appeal acquitted Jacob which kinda-pretty-much made it legal for women to go topless in Ontario (a decision

which heavily influenced the rest of Canada. Though, as the sisters' ordeal illustrates, the issue is subject to local interpretation — and the selective memories of police.

And now, 20 years later, ladies are still having problems hanging out.

Here's the thing: There are about 13 reasons I personally wouldn't go topless, ranging from quality of breast to fear of burnt areolas to, yes, fear of someone thinking I'm a douchebag. But these are my personal neuroses, and just because I wouldn't do it doesn't mean I don't want to know I could do it without someone scolding or humiliating

me. I get enough of that in my Boot Camp class at the Y.

Police officers need to be informed and need to accept that, no matter how uncomfortable, nervous or randy a topless lady might make them feel, female bodies aren't indecent.

Consider: Last month, a topless 8-year-old girl was asked to cover up at a public pool in Guelph, Ont. Isn't that gross? It was her first lesson in the difference between the sexes. There is nothing sexual about a little girl, so why ask her to put on a shirt? Because she needs to know that this is the way it's going to be. It's like training wheels for being oppressed.

While the seasonal climate might be right to go topless, we need to improve the social one, big time. I say it's time we train them. Take it all off, ladies! (Unless you don't want to!) I think we should saturate our culture in breasts until the only people that find it distracting are hungry babies.

Rebecca Kohler is a standup comic, writer, actor, gymnast, lawyer and chemist. (Some of this isn't true.) Follow her on Twitter @becca_kohler.

Happy face/Sad face

From missing mixtapes to troves of treasure, Metro weighs in on the news making headlines this week



Historic hip-hop heist

Legendary DJ Grandmaster Flash has had his record collection — and a piece of music history — stolen from a New York parking garage. A valet was duped into giving the DJ's car, and three crates of rare, vintage, vinyl records, to an imposter. The artist, whose real name is Joseph Saddler, had the records because he was working on a TV show about the 1970s music scene. Saddler was one of the first to combine rap lyrics with cut-up funk and soul tracks to create a new genre: hip-hop.

SOURCE: BBC



Singing loud and free, finally

Happy birthday to ... stop right there, or you'll have to pay. But that may be about to change. Happy Birthday to You, which dates to the 1890s, is still under copyright. Now, a film crew is suing the song's owner, Warner/Chappell, claiming they have proof it should be in the public domain: A 1927 reprint that predates Warner's 1935 copyright by eight years. If a judge agrees, the song could soon be a free accompaniment to ice cream and cake.

SOURCE: WASHINGTON POST



Caped crusader with car trouble

Drivers on Ontario's Highway 401 near Napanee on Sunday were agape as they watched Batman, in his Batsuit, working on his Batmobile. Stephen Lawrence — a.k.a. the Brampton Batman — was driving home from a charity event when he heard an odd noise and stopped to inspect the problem. But by then, traffic was backed up with people trying to glimpse the masked man working on his vehicle without the aid of superpowers.

SOURCE: THE CANADIAN PRESS



Fishing for a fortune in Florida

Members of a Florida family who have been diving in the Atlantic for treasure for years have finally struck gold. Rick and Lisa Schmitt and their children found \$1 million worth of gold artifacts from the wreckage of a 1715 Spanish fleet. The booty included 51 coins and 12 metres of gold chain, according to Fleet-Queens Jewels, which owns the wreckage. (The Schmitts were diving under a contract.) The spoils will be split between the company, the Schmitts and a museum. SOURCE: REUTERS

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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We may need to see the perils of smart weapons to believe

We've always excelled at imagining our own demise.

It's cathartic to sink into a story of ultimate despair, then emerge to see that it's not that bad, yet. No need to worry.

But the heavy brains of the world aren't just worrying, but urging us to wake up and smell the impending doom.

Top artificial-intelligence researchers and science figures, including Elon Musk and Stephen Hawking, issued a dire warning this week.

Artificial intelligence is "the third revolution in warfare, after gunpowder and nuclear arms," they wrote in an open letter. "The key question for humanity today is whether to start a global AI arms race or to prevent it from starting."

"Experts warn of killer robots," shouted the headlines. Enter your preferred pop-culture reference (mine's The Matrix).

At the University of Alberta, computer science professor Csaba Szepesvari was one of the letter's signatories. He studies how computers can process data in a way that lets them learn and make decisions, a critical step to operating intelligently and independently of humans.

With AI, "War becomes quite a different game," he said. "Compassionate decisions are removed."

It's not a matter of terminator cyborgs, necessarily;

AI technology is becoming cheap and accessible enough that something more rudimentary but no less deadly — like a quadrotor armed with a bomb — could appear in years, not decades.

"The scariest part of it is you start to give it autonomy," Szepesvari said. Then, imagine it's infected by a bug — or hacked.

The signatories envision a different future, one in which AI is used for good.

Computers could design, execute and analyze their own experiments. Autonomous cars are here, and researchers have been developing AI robots to respond to disasters.

"There is a lot of hype around AI and a lot of misunderstanding," Szepesvari said. Killer robots aren't going to wipe out humans in 10 years, he noted, but "Average folk should pressure their governments to prevent this arms race."

I'm not sure I trust militaries to resist the temptation, or at the very least, I have a bad case of the cynicals. Industrialized societies seem addicted to invention and allergic to preparing for the consequences. Many turning points in climate-change action came only after people began to witness its effects. When it comes to the peril of AI weapons, will we need to see it to believe it?

And then, will it be too late?

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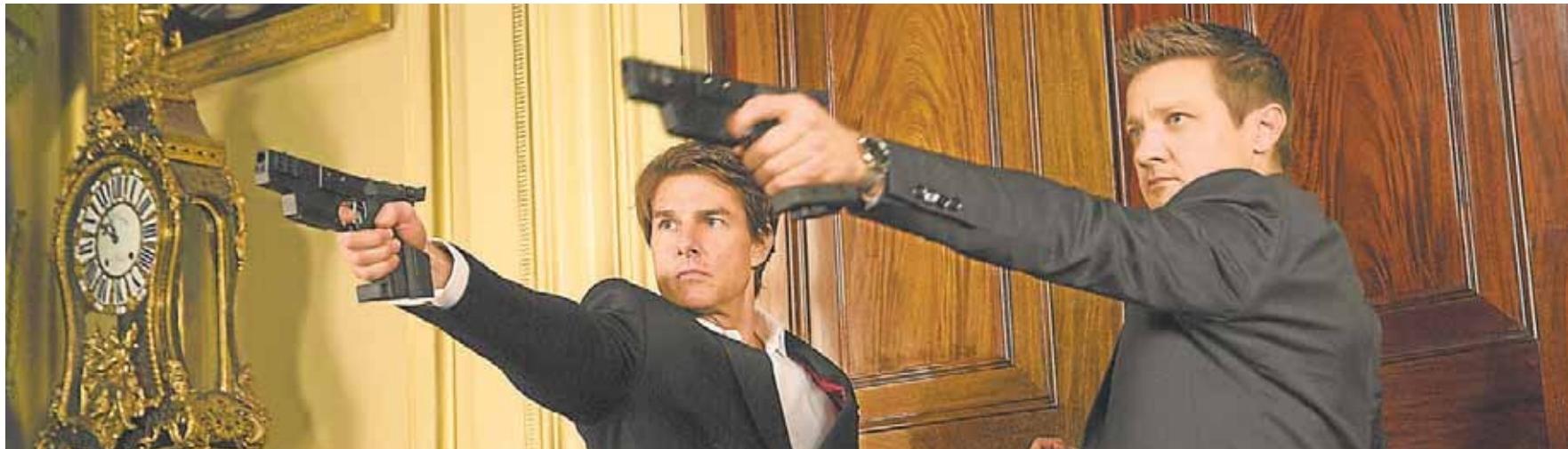
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Tom Cruise and Jeremy Renner star in *Mission: Impossible — Rogue Nation*. DAVID JAMES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Real stunts add to the action

ACTION

It's not just nostalgia for pre-CG days, stunts impress

IN FOCUS

Richard Crouse



Check the IMDB page for *Mission: Impossible — Rogue Nation*. You'll learn that Tom Cruise clung to the outside of an Airbus A400M at an elevation of 5000 feet, held his breath for six minutes underwater and performed dangerous driving scenes all without the aid of an

on-camera stuntperson.

It's not that he is trying to break the stunt union or put anyone out of work. Instead it is Cruise's commitment to making sure the stunts in his films have a true, palpable sense of danger to them.

Much of what we see on screen these days is computer generated, illusions made up of bits and bytes, but many of the truly eye catching images we've seen in movies this summer were created the old fashioned way.

Remember the "car drop" scene from *Furious 7*? Stunt coordinator (and former Knight Rider stunt driver) Jack Gill actually arranged for autos to be launched out of a C-130 Hercules four-engine turboprop military transport aircraft. They shot the scene twice. First aerial photog-

raphers in parachutes followed the cars as they dove from an altitude of 12,000 feet and then again from 8000 feet to get helicopter shots. The result is a wild sequence that feels like a roller-coaster ride with real cars.

After years of "following the CG evolution," using computer generated images to create beautiful animated films like *Happy Feet* and *Babe: A Pig in the City*, *Mad Max: Fury Road* director George Miller says he was keen to go back to "old school" filmmaking "with real cars and real people and real desert."

That means, unlike the Avengers and their ilk, respecting the laws of physics by using practical effects and keeping the action earthbound. In other words, in a call back to the original Max films — *Mad Max*, *Mad Max 2:*

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

Mission: Impossible — Rogue Nation

★★★
Vacation ★★
A Lego Brickumentary ★★

HOW RATING WORKS
★★★ SEE IT
★★ WORTHWHILE
★★ UP TO YOU
★ SKIP IT

Andreas, but adds director Brad Peyton "wanted to do as much in camera as possible."

In one pivotal scene she and Dwayne Johnson are in a helicopter flying above the carnage.

"The helicopter was in a stage, on a greenscreen," she says, "but was on a gimbal many, many feet up that literally dropped, dove and spun. We were twenty-five feet off the ground."

"I think it makes a difference in watching the movie too. It feels much more viscerally connected."

So filmmakers and actors love giving audiences the real deal thrill of practical effects, but how did Tom Cruise, what feel about hanging on to the side of an aircraft in full flight?

"I was actually scared s—less," he says.

The *Road Warrior* and *Beyond Thunderdome* — when a car blows up it doesn't rocket into space. Instead it explodes spectacularly but organically. The wild action you see in *Fury Road* are actual stunts performed by stunt men and women and not generated by a clever computer operator in a studio. "It was like going back to your old home town and looking at it anew," Miller says.

Nicholas Hoult, who plays Nux

in *Fury Road*, says having the stunts performed for real added to his performance.

"Because it was all real it actually makes your job a lot easier," he said. "Rather than being on a stage and having to pretend that things are happening around you and react to nothing, things are actually happening and your reactions are real."

Carla Gugino says there was quite a bit of greenscreen action in her earthquake movie *San*

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THE TV DINNER JESSICA ALLEN



Tom Cruise is back in Mission: Impossible – Rogue Nation. There are car chases and shirtless martial arts and gun fights. That sounds like my action-packed kitchen when I make a pie

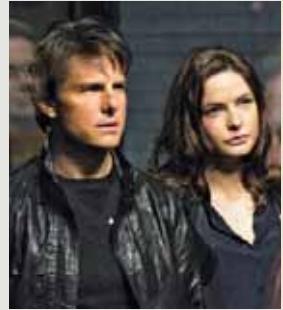
Even after reading *Going Clear: Scientology, Hollywood & the Prison of Belief*, I can still suspend my disbelief when I see Tom Cruise on the big screen. He is Maverick; he is Jack Reacher; he is Ethan Hunt.

On July 31, Cruise is back in *Mission: Impossible – Rogue Nation*. Hunt's team has been disbanded by the new CIA boss (Alec Baldwin) but when a multi-national group of ex-operatives goes rogue, they must save the day. There are motorcycle and car chases and shirtless martial arts and gun fights.

That sounds like my action-packed kitchen when I make a pie. There are life-and-death decisions that need to be made, starting with: What will I put in the pie? What I am about to say will be so controversial that you may hope this story self-destructs: I do not mix fruit. I want blueberry pie — not blueberry and peach pie. And I know that strawberries will help cut the sour of rhubarb but why in hell would I want to do that?

Then there's the crust itself. First of all, humidity, temperature, even altitude, need to be considered, although I never consider them. Also, the clock is ticking: Overwork the pastry and you'll get a brick, plus, none of the ingredients can't get too warm. Speaking of ingredients, pie crust may only be flour,

THE MOVIE:
Mission Impossible



THE DISH:
Rhubarb pie



fat and water, but it's the most contentious recipe in the history of mankind. Because what fat will you choose to make it?

I spoke with 10 Canadian home bakers who were all pie-making champions for one of the first stories I ever wrote for Maclean's. They all used either lard (rendered pork fat, like Tenderflake) or shortening for their flaky, winning crusts. But professional bakers almost always use butter, which is far less forgiving but produces a better-tasting pastry.

I've attempted dozens of variations, from all-butter recipes to the one that's on the Crisco box. But I've never rolled out a crust without swearing. That being said, a combination of fats bodes best for me. "Butter gives the pastry its flavour and texture," Julia Child wrote in *Mastering*

the Art of French Cooking, while vegetable shortening "has a tenderizing effect that almost all American flours seem to need."

On Sunday, I set out to make a rhubarb pie using half butter and half shortening. I had exactly the two-and-a-half-cups of flour that the Joy of Cooking recipe called for. Jack-pot! Only, it smelled musty (I haven't baked since Christmas) and that left me nothing for rolling out the pastry. Off to the grocery store I went. Eventually, I pulled from the oven something resembling a pie. It didn't look like Martha Stewart made it. But it was delicious. Maybe, as Stewart herself might say, that's a good thing.

Jessica Allen is the digital correspondent on CTV's *The Social*.

MOVIE NEWS

Latest in spy franchise arrives at perfect time

"This may very well be our last mission," says Jeremy Renner's character, IMF agent William Brandt, in *Mission: Impossible – Rogue Nation*. If it is the last, or one of the last, with Tom Cruise as lead, then the team looks to go out with a bang, and Para-

mount Pictures is keen to give this week's release *Rogue Nation* every chance of success.

With the new release landscape looking relatively clear of challengers in the coming months, *Mission: Impossible – Rogue Nation* could be Hollywood's biggest action film for the rest of the summer season after its July 31 debut.

Budgets for *Mission: Impossible* films have stabilized at around \$150M, and for 2011's *Mission: Impossible – Ghost Protocol* that budget translated into a franchise record \$695M box office take.

If *Rogue Nation* does the same it would become the fifth biggest hit of the year — at least until *Star Wars* and *Spectre* arrive. AFP



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PIONEERS

A war of words: commentators drop their gloves on TV

Steve Gow
For Metro

When director Morgan Neville was first presented with old footage of debates between highbrow thinkers Gore Vidal and William F. Buckley, he had no idea it was going to make such great cinema.

"(I thought) there might be a documentary here but we didn't know the context," recalled Neville, who teamed up with co-director Robert Gordon. "Here are these two

amazing characters speaking like I don't see people speaking on television today. I felt like it could lead to a lot of interesting places."

Where it led was to an insightful, acclaimed exploration about the moment when television news changed forever in *Best of Enemies* — the highly-anticipated follow-up to Neville's Oscar-winning film *Twenty Feet From Star-*

dom.

During the 1968 Democratic and Republican national conventions, politically-disparate commentators Buckley and Vidal were hired to fill some time for TV's lowliest broadcaster through a series of cheaply-produced debates. In turn, the two men (who apparently detested each other) brought in huge ratings — so much so that their heated ex-

changes initiated the dawn of pundit news that's so prevalent today.

"In the old TV world, there just wasn't a lot of debate. There wasn't even much commentary on TV news," said Neville, who once held a job as fact-checker for Vidal.

"Now we have whole channels that are basically debate or commentary. The reality is it's cheap and you don't need

intelligent people throwing out sparks — you just need the sparks. Anyone can do that."

While that may be true, *Best of Enemies* illustrates that nobody on television today even comes close to competing with the sheer wit, intelligence and impassioned hostility on display in those 1968 battles between Buckley and Vidal.

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INTERVIEW

It's time for another Wet Hot American Summer

 **Ned Ehrbar**
Metro | Hollywood

Were there any reservations about doing a prequel with the same actors almost 15 years later?

Michael Showalter: No, that was an asset. In our mind that was part of the fun of it; the joke being we were too old then, we're way too old now, and instead of making our characters older, we made them younger.

David Wain: It's surprising how much you stop paying attention to it.

MS: One of the big mov-

ies from our childhood was *Grease*, with John Travolta and Olivia Newton John, who are playing high school ... seniors. They're fully adult in that movie. That was sort of our inspiration casting-wise.

How much have you paid attention to the film's fans and what they would expect to learn if you're exploring more of these characters?

DW: To me, I don't think we're serving the fans per se, but I do think we are very caring

of this group of characters as fans ourselves in a way.

It's very important to us to make something that satisfies the fans' desire for more, while at the same time not doing any sort of retreat.

What about the new additions to the cast?

DW: Jason Schwartzman plays one of the head counsellors. Lake Bell plays (Showalter's character) Coop's girlfriend who just got back from a trip to Israel.



The cast of the Netflix original series *Wet Hot American Summer: First Day Of Camp.* HANDOUT

One of the more intriguing entries in Netflix's new, ever-growing roster of original series is *Wet Hot American Summer*, a prequel to the cult classic comedy from MTV's *The State* alums David Wain and Michael Showalter — and featuring a before-they-were-stars cast including the likes of Bradley Cooper, Paul Rudd and Amy Poehler.

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Barack Obama says climbing Mount Kilimanjaro is on his post-presidency bucket list



Arctic for geeks



A two-week expedition cruise up the coast of Newfoundland and Labrador into northern Quebec offered sweeping vistas as well as cultural and artistic programming. PHOTOS BY JENNIFER FODEN

CRUISE

Travelling remote terrain with authors, artists and culturalists

Jennifer Foden
For Metro

"Hi, Ms. Atwood?" I nervously said, interrupting the Canadian literary icon's walk along the Saint Pierre coastline with her partner, novelist Graeme Gibson. "I'm a huge fan of your work."

Meeting the literary power couple wasn't by chance: We were all travelling on board the Ocean Endeavour, a small cruise ship of 198 passengers.

The vessel is operated by Adventure Canada, a Mississauga, Ont.-based company, which focuses on reaching wilderness destinations in the Arctic and beyond.

Our trip started that day on the French island of Saint Pierre, 275 kilometres southwest of St. John's. The boat then began its journey up the western coast of Newfoundland, followed by the eastern edge of Labrador, allowing passengers to stop and explore Inuit communities like Rose Blanche and Nain, and hike striking landscapes such as Gros Morne and the Torngat Mountains National Parks. The journey would end travelling into Ungava Bay to Nunavik in northern Quebec.

While exploring the Arctic (spotting wildlife and icebergs, reaching remote landscapes via 10-person Zodiac boats) is why many people travel



with Adventure Canada, what really won me over was all the cultural and artistic programming on board. When not exploring the outdoors, guests can attend everything from photography workshops and naturalist talks to book clubs and musical concerts.

My two-week expedition not only welcomed special guests Margaret Atwood



and Graeme Gibson, but several notable staff who helped deliver this programming, such as Billy Gautier, an Inuit carver, whose exhibition at the Spirit Wrestler Gallery in Vancouver sold out in 18 minutes; and John Bailey, from Google, who walked the terrain we visited with a Street View camera on his back, visually

mapping places that are largely inaccessible. The book nerd in me rejoiced again when I met Terry Fallis, author of *The Best Laid Plans*, who has twice won the Stephen Leacock Memorial Medal for Humour. There were Inuit culturalists, Arctic explorers, artists and more.

However, it was more than just the staff and special guests

who had something to say.

An expedition cruise with programming such as this attracts passengers that are like-minded, those interested in wildlife, the outdoors, photography, exploration, literature, culture, history and more.

You'd share conversations at meals and on Zodias with remarkable people from around the globe.

A fellow passenger referenced the atmosphere on board as a Floating TED Talk; someone else fittingly dubbed it the Arctic for geeks.

The writer was a guest of Adventure Canada and Newfoundland & Labrador Tourism. Neither reviewed nor approved the story.



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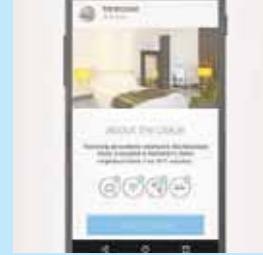
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Miami-licious

Miami Spice is on now till the end of September at Fontainebleau Miami Beach. Enjoy a three-course dinner for about \$50 at one of the hotel's four restaurants: Michael Mina 74, Hakkasan and Scarpetta (Sunday to Thursday), and Stripsteak by Michael Mina (seven days a week). Reserve at 877-326-7412 or fontainebleau.com/dining. DOUG WALLACE



Scarpetta at Fontainebleau Miami Beach. CONTRIBUTED

Soaking it all in, in Bath

ENGLAND

Hot springs, Jane Austen and a downtown abbey among city's highlights

Yes, there really is a natural hot spring beneath the city of Bath, but soaking in the above-ground sights and sounds will leave you plenty relaxed. With its Georgian brick buildings and lush green hills, almost everywhere in Bath feels like a living postcard. With landmarks from Roman and medieval times, you may feel you've landed back in time, but the juxtaposition of stately terraced houses and people hustling about on smartphones brings you out of that fantasy.

Bath somehow weaves together threads of small-town life with cosmopolitan sophistication. It has galleries, museums and theatres. It's a college town anchored by the University of Bath. And it is a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Bath Abbey

A majestic landmark in the centre of town, Bath Abbey is the third place of worship to occupy this site in 1,200 years. The first church, built in 757, was replaced by a cathedral soon after the



To truly appreciate the villages and fields that surround Bath, a stroll along the canal is the way to go. PHOTOS BY TERRY TANG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Norman conquest of England in 1066. That one gave way in the 15th century to the abbey that's there today.

Walk inside and eye the vaulted ceiling and stunning stained glass windows showing 56 scenes from Christ's life. A floor plaque marks Queen Elizabeth II's 1973 visit. Tours of the church tower are available.

Roman Baths

You might say the Romans were the first in Western Europe to come up with the spa weekend. The Roman Baths date back to the year 70 AD, with a sprawling pool of natural, hot spring water called the Great Bath located

below street level. You can see the steam swirling from a terrace on the street above.

People dressed in period clothing — such as a Roman soldier or stone mason — stand in the archways.

The complex includes several underground spaces and displays. The self-guided audio tour, which includes commentary from writer Bill Bryson, thoroughly explains how the citizens of Aquae Sulis (the Roman name given to Bath) socialized, worked and worshipped.

Jane Austen Centre

Novelist Jane Austen lived with family in Bath between 1801 and 1806. Avid readers of Austen's work know that Bath was a prominent setting in two of her books, *Persuasion* and *Northanger Abbey*. But even fans only familiar with the movie adaptations will geek out inside the

Jane Austen Centre. The three-storey building on Gay Street has a permanent exhibit and tea room. The experience reaches delightfully Austen-tatious levels with employees clad in period clothing giving brief orientations on the novelist.

Royal Crescent

This half-moon formation of Georgian townhouses is one of Bath's most famous architectural masterpieces, an arc-shaped cluster of buildings set behind a green field. The first home, No. 1 Royal Crescent, where former Parliament member Henry Sanford lived in the late 1700s, is also a museum.

Rooms are furnished in 18th-century style, with a glimpse of the upstairs-downstairs lifestyle of the era (think *Downton Abbey* but 150 years earlier).

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ON THE MOVE
Loren Christie

between an A-frame cabin and a prospector tent, most campgrounds offer an option for those reluctant to rough it.

Although traditionalists may prefer to be off the grid, campgrounds are starting to recognize that doesn't work for everyone.

The KOA study reports that when selecting which campgrounds to visit and stay at, free Wi-Fi ranks as the third-most important amenity, just behind clean bathrooms and a kid-friendly environment. Younger campers say having access to their smartphone is almost as important as toilet paper.



A Kampgrounds of America site in Niagara Falls.

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Camping will reduce your stress and improve your family relationships. A third of campers say that camping has a positive impact on their relationships with family and friends and their emotional well-being.

Setting up your tent and prepping meals is an adventure all members of the family can share, and sleeping outside, especially if it's for the first time, is exhilarating.

All it takes to have a successful camping vacation is a little planning. Parks Canada has a great checklist app that includes safety tips, recipes and first-timer advice.

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Your essential daily news



Chris Paul will play in the first ever NBA exhibition game in Africa on Saturday in Johannesburg



Demeric Mercer and Mahamed Abukar, of Nova Scotia's under-15 boys basketball team, take a brief break during practice Thursday evening. They hit the court next week at Saint Mary's University for Canada Basketball's national championship. KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE/METRO

DEFLATEGATE

Fans stand firmly behind Brady, Kraft

Fans drove to Gillette Stadium past a booth selling "Free Tom Brady" T-shirts.

Then, when they arrived for the New England Patriots' first training camp practice on Thursday, they let the star quarterback know how they felt.

Brady took the field to a boisterous cheer from the more than 10,000 fans who sat in a sweltering sun to see the Super Bowl champions open the defence of their title.

Team owner Robert Kraft, who



Tom Brady

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lashed out at the NFL a day earlier for upholding Brady's "Deflategate" suspension, also got loud applause.

Up above, an airplane buzzed the practice field towing a banner that said: "Cheaters Look Up!" and listing the Twitter handle of a New York Jets fan website.

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IN BRIEF

Birdies allow Tiger to claw back after slow start

Tiger Woods got back to shooting in the 60s. But he didn't make it look easy.

Woods bogeyed three of his first four holes in the Quicken Loans National on Thursday in Gainesville, Va., then ran off five birdies in six holes around the turn for a 3-under 68. That left him five shots back of leaders Retief Goosen and Ryo Ishikawa at Robert Trent Jones Golf Club.

Woods won the tournament in 2009 and 2012.

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Habs sign RFA Galchenyuk

The Montreal Canadiens have agreed to terms on a two-year deal with forward Alex Galchenyuk.

Galchenyuk will count \$2.8 million US against the salary cap each of the next two seasons, according to multiple reports.

The 21-year-old set career highs with 20 goals, 26 assists and 46 points last year.

Galchenyuk was the Canadiens' last restricted free agent.

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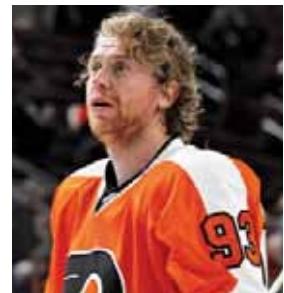
Flyers re-up with former Moosehead

The Philadelphia Flyers and right wing Jakub Voracek have agreed to a multiyear contract extension.

Terms of the deal weren't disclosed Thursday.

The 25-year-old former Halifax Moosehead had 22 goals and career highs of 59 assists and 81 points last season.

The six-foot-two, 214-pound Czech right wing joined Philadelphia in June 2011 in a trade that sent Jeff Carter to Columbus.



Jakub Voracek GETTY IMAGES

Working hard key at nationals

BASKETBALL

SMU hosting under-15 and under-17 tournaments

 **Kristen Lipscombe**
Metro | Halifax

For Demeric Mercer, making the cut for Nova Scotia's under-15 basketball team was all about hard work.

That's also what it will take for his provincial squad to claim a medal at this year's national championship, coming to Saint Mary's University starting Monday, he said.

The under-15 and under-17 boys events run through Aug. 8 at the Homburg Centre for Health and Wellness on the south end Halifax campus.

"I think we can go very high (and) prove a lot of people wrong," the 15-year-old guard from Halifax said Thursday, while taking a break from drills during an evening practice inside the Citadel High School gymnasium.

Fellow guard Mahamed Abukar, 14, added "we should definitely get a medal."

Basketball Nova Scotia operations manager Ryan Dickison said that's more than possible — the province's under-15 and

under-17 boys' squads are both currently ranked third in the country.

But he said they'll have to tip off against powerhouse provinces such as Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec to make that happen.

"Our U15s are a little bit young this year; they have a couple of 13-year-olds," Dickison said Thursday. "But we feel confident in our athletes' abilities, and our coaches, to ... give themselves the best chance to win."

Mercer and Abukar said their team is determined to show the nation what Nova Scotians can do on the court.

"(We're) just working on all that team stuff, putting everything in place," Mercer said of Thursday's practice.

"In Nova Scotia we're very underrated," he said, explaining hosting nationals here will put their home province "on the map."

Abukar said "it's definitely a privilege" to be one of just 12 players named to the Nova Scotia team, adding that's why "getting some shots off" and working on their game prior to nationals is so important.

Both Mercer and Abukar are listed as under-15 players to watch by Basketball Nova Scotia, along with guard Dondre Reddick, who is currently sidelined with an injury.

On the under-17 side, Alex

GIRLS' BALL

Nova Scotia's under-15 girls finished sixth, while the province's under-17 girls finished seventh, in national basketball championships that just wrapped up in Edmonton.

Carson and Nate Darling, who can both play guard and forward positions, are expected to be stand outs at nationals, Dickison said.

The upcoming national championship, which features 10 teams in both age groups and was last hosted here a decade ago, will give the local basketball community "the chance to showcase our knowledge and our passion for the sport."

"The boys are just eager to get at it and compete," Dickison said. "They want to be able to show that they belong and that they're proven as worthy competitors."

Mercer said as long as they put the effort in on the court, he and his teammates can compete, and perhaps even beat, the best provinces.

"I just know if I work hard at it, a lot of things can come, in a good way," he said.

Visit basketballnovascotia.com for ticket information and eastlink.ca for the full broadcast schedule.

David makes Jays Goliath

MLB

Jays acquire Price in second blockbuster trade of week

When the Toronto Blue Jays could put ace Roy Halladay on the mound every fifth day, Alex Anthopoulos recalled then-general manager J.P. Ricciardi saying that alone made them a great team.

Already believing these Blue Jays are a good team, Anthopoulos on Thursday filled their biggest need by trading for star left-handed pitcher David Price. Left-handed pitching prospects Daniel Norris, Matt Boyd and Jairo Labourt went to the Detroit Tigers.

It didn't matter that the price was three prospects, including the top one in the organization, or that Price is a free agent after the season. Anthopoulos believes Price is the No. 1 starter Toronto hasn't had since Halladay.

"Getting guys like Price, that type of impact, those (No.) 1 starters, they can make you a great team all by themselves," Anthopoulos said at a news conference. "It's more a reflection on the belief of the guys we have right now, what we have on the roster."

We think we're a good team, and adding a guy like Price we think makes us that much stronger and will give us



Daniel Norris is among the players headed to Detroit in exchange for David Price.

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THE NUMBERS

\$19,750,000: Price's salary for 2015
0: Years left on Price's contract
9-4: Price's record
2.53: Price's ERA
7-0: Price's career record at the Rogers Centre
16-2: Price's career record vs. Toronto
5: All-star game appearances
12: Likely 2015 starts left
7: Games behind Yankees
13: Games left vs. Yankees
2*: Games behind wild card
13: Games left vs. teams ahead of them in the wild-card race

*Stats prior to games on Thursday
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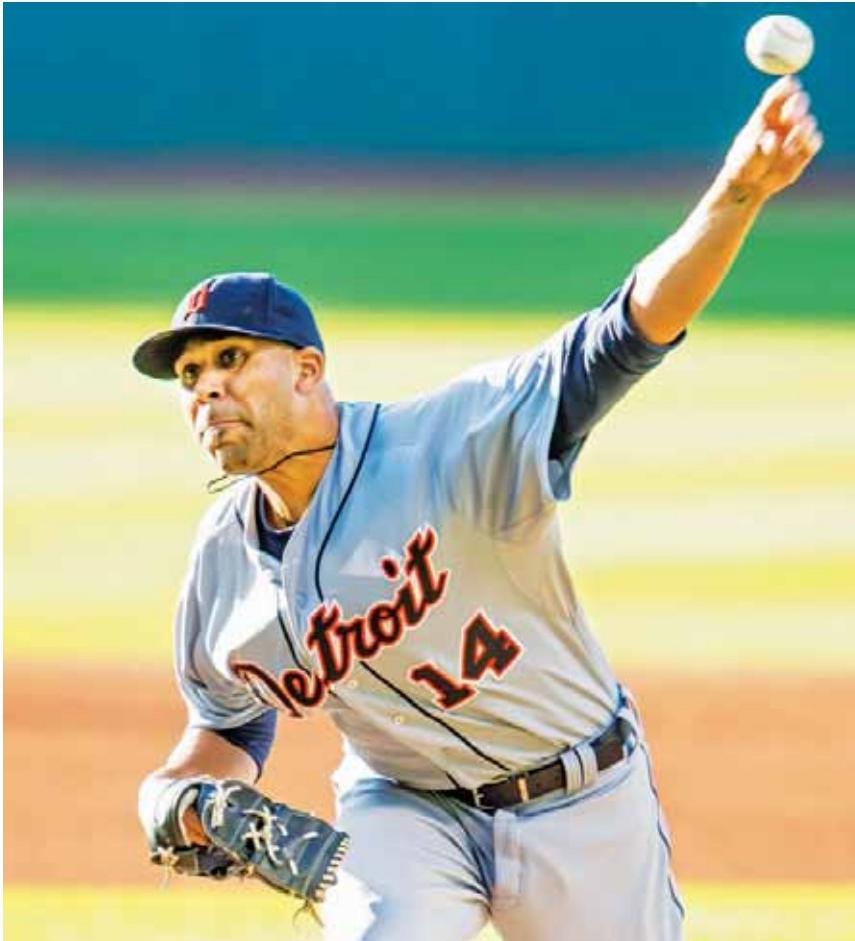
a chance to win."

With the Blue Jays entering play on Thursday two games back of the Minnesota Twins for the second American League wild card, they may suddenly be favourites to make the playoffs with Price. He is an all-star who won the AL Cy Young Award in 2012 with the Tampa Bay Rays.

The 29-year-old is 9-4 this season with a 2.53 earned-run average. In his major-league career, Price is 95-55 with a 3.13

ERA and 1,285 strikeouts in 1,367 1/3 innings, including a 7-0 record at Rogers Centre.

For the next two months Price headlines a rotation that includes R.A. Dickey, Drew Hutchison, Mark Buehrle and Marco Estrada. He's on rotation to start as soon as Sunday against the Kansas City Royals but



David Price could make his first start for the Blue Jays as early as Sunday. JASON MILLER/GETTY IMAGES

could also pitch Monday against the Twins.

This trade came in the same week as the Blue Jays traded for shortstop Troy Tulowitzki and reliever LaTroy Hawkins. While Tulowitzki is signed to a long-term deal, Price is a rental player who will command a hefty salary this off-season.

Price, who was traded from the Rays to the Tigers at the deadline a year ago, is making

I did get a text from Jose Bautista with just, 'Is it true?' I said yes, and he just wrote 'yes' with about a million exclamation marks.

Alex Anthopoulos

\$19.75 million US in the final year of his contract. Anthopoulos said he was not yet dwelling on the possibility of re-signing Price, which could be a difficult task.

"I think every team in baseball would love to have this guy on their team long term," he said. "We've just got to get in the line." THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Latos joins Dodgers in 13-player trade

The first-place Los Angeles Dodgers have bolstered their pitching staff, acquiring Mat Latos from the Miami Marlins and Alex Wood, Jim Johnson and Luis Avilan from the Atlanta Braves in a 13-player deal.

The rebuilding Braves also gave up top infield prospect Jose Peraza in Thursday's trade, paying a hefty price largely to land 30-year-old Cuban infielder Hector Olivera at a steep discount. Atlanta also got left-handed reliever Paco Rodriguez and minor-league pitcher Zachary Bird from Los Angeles.

Los Angeles also acquired first baseman Michael Morse from Miami and injured pitcher Bronson Arroyo from the Braves.

Miami got three minor leaguers from the Dodgers and sent a draft pick to Atlanta. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Scherzer, Papelbon help Nats shut down Marlins

Max Scherzer scattered three hits over seven innings, Jonathan Papelbon got his first save for Washington with a perfect ninth inning and the Nationals beat the Miami Marlins 1-0 on Thursday.

Backed by Ryan Zimmerman's second-inning homer off Dan Haren, Scherzer (11-8) struck out six and lowered his ERA to 2.22.

Former closer Drew Storen pitched a perfect eighth, striking out two in his new setup role.

Papelbon, acquired Tuesday from Philadelphia, racked up his 18th save in 18 chances this season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cards place Holliday on shelf, gather Moss in deal

Matt Holliday is back on the disabled list.

The St. Louis Cardinals placed the all-star outfielder on the 15-day disabled list Thursday due to a recurrence of his right quadriceps injury. Holliday missed 31 games from June 9 to July 16, and the Cardinals were 18-13 in his absence.

Also on Wednesday, the Cards traded for outfielder Brandon Moss. Cleveland received minor-league pitcher Rob Kaminsky. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Forearm strain lands Pineda on DL

New York Yankees right-hander Michael Pineda has been placed on the 15-day disabled list with a right flexor forearm muscle strain and was replaced by CC Sabathia for Thursday night's series finale at the Texas Rangers.

Pineda, 9-7 with a 3.97 ERA, missed all of 2012 and 2013 following shoulder surgery to repair a torn labrum in his pitching shoulder and was sidelined from April 23 to Aug. 13 last year with a right shoulder muscle injury.

Sabathia, 4-8 with a 5.38 ERA,



Michael Pineda GETTY IMAGES

had been scheduled to start Friday's game at the Chicago White Sox. Even after moving up a day, Sabathia was pitching on normal four days' rest after his previous start at Minnesota.

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Canadian a soccer star

FA WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE

Desiree Scott first Canadian in Women's Cup final

After playing in front of packed stadiums at the Women's World Cup this summer, Canadian international Desiree Scott can tick off another item on her bucket list.

On Saturday, the 27-year-old Winnipeg midfielder known as The Destroyer is set to play for her club side, Notts County Ladies, against Chelsea in the Women's FA Cup final at Wembley.

"It's very exciting," said Scott. "You can feel it within the team."

"We're all very pumped for it ... Every coffee shop we're in, people are wishing us good luck," she added.

Scott is the only Canadian currently playing in England's Women's Super League and, according to the Canadian Soccer Association, is the first Canadian to play in the



After featuring for Canada in the Women's World Cup last month, Desiree Scott takes her talents to Wembley Stadium for the Women's FA Cup in London this Saturday. RICH LAM/GETTY IMAGES

Women's Cup final

Canada did not play at Wembley during the 2012 Olympics but Scott and her fellow players received their bronze medals there.

"It's an absolute dream for me," she said.

It's the first time the

Every coffee shop we're in, people are wishing us good luck.

Desiree Scott

women's final has been held at England's national stadium and a record crowd is already assured with more than 27,000 tickets sold. The previous mark was 24,582, set in 2008 at Nottingham Forest's City Ground.

Arsenal defeated Everton

2-0 in last year's final before 15,000 at Stadium MK, home to English Championship side Milton Keynes Dons. In 2013, Arsenal beat Bristol Academy 3-0 in front of 4,988 at the Keepmoat Stadium in Doncaster.

The Women's Cup final will be followed Sunday at Wembley by the men's Community Shield between FA Cup-holder Arsenal and defending Premier League champion Chelsea in the traditional curtain-raiser to the English season.

Scott rejoined her team after a two-week vacation following a World Cup that saw four of her club teammates oust Canada 2-1 in the quarter-final. England then lost a 2-1 heartbreaker to Japan in the semifinal before beating Germany 1-0 for third place.

Scott says she was somewhat nervous about coming back given the World Cup quarter-final between the two countries.

"I didn't know what to expect but the girls have been great," she said. "There hasn't been too much talk about it."

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IN BRIEF

Partners sought for Nordiques bid

Quebecor Inc. says it's recruiting partners for its bid to bring the Nordiques back to Quebec City.

The media and telecom company said Thursday it has opened talks with some sponsors and signed contracts but has yet to secure another investor willing to help foot the US\$500 bill it costs to launch an NHL expansion franchise.

"Submitting this application is one more step towards our ultimate objective of making sports an additional growth segment," president and CEO Pierre Dion told analysts on a conference call after the company posted its latest financial results.

"We will soon be approaching potential partners, which we believe will attract high interest levels."

Last week Quebecor announced it submitted a bid to the National Hockey League that would bring a team back to Quebec City for the first time in 20 years. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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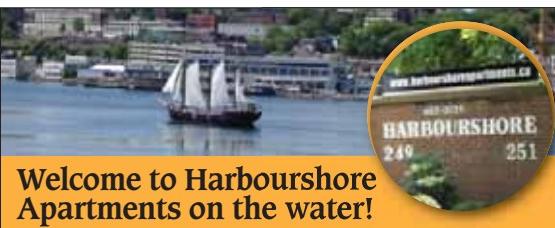
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- 2/3 cup granulated sugar
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- 1 tsp pure vanilla extract
- 1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 cup low-fat yogurt or sour cream
- 1/4 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 1/2 cup vanilla frozen yogurt, softened
- 1 1/2 cup chocolate frozen yogurt, softened
- Chocolate Glaze
- 1/2 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup 2% evaporated milk

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 F. Spray a large 6 cup (4-inch wide) muffin tin with vegetable oil. Combine sugar, oil, egg, vanilla and cocoa powder and mix until smooth. Add flour, baking powder, yogurt and chips and mix just until combined, don't overmix. Divide into large muffin tin and bake for 12 minutes or just until no longer wet. Cool. Place 1/4 cup softened frozen vanilla frozen yogurt on top of muffin along with 1/4 cup chocolate frozen yogurt.
2. Melt chocolate and evaporated milk on high for approx. 30 seconds. Whisk until smooth. Cool. (If too thick, add more evaporated milk.) Pour over top of frozen yogurt. Top with coloured sprinkles. Freeze until serving.
3. With a wet knife, gently remove brownies from tray. Slice in half.

Nutrition per half serving

- Calories 190
 - Carbohydrates 20 g
 - Total fat 7.5 g
 - Cholesterol 19 mg
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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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ACROSS

1. Kilt-wearer's dance
6. Fearing-one's suffix
11. Intl. clock standard
14. Hawaiian-style veranda
15. Glass: French
16. Whopper
17. Squirrel's prize
18. Heavy pole event at #63-Across: 2 wds.
20. Madonna's first hubby's surname
21. Dog's physician, commonly
22. Aid and —
23. Basket-making fibre
27. Cantankerous
29. Go-Go's water skiing video hit
32. Mr. Beatty
33. Baffin, e.g.
34. By — (How close races are won)
36. "— at 'em!"
40. Scottish Highland kilt pouch
42. Twinkle
44. Up to now: 2 wds.
45. Smooth transition
47. Watering — (Gardener's prop)
48. Matterhorn, for one
50. Ontario village (southeast of Ottawa) where #63-Across is held each summer
52. Silent movie's in-distress role
55. German Shep-

DOWN

1. Envelope part
2. Wedding gown trim
66. Canadian sweets shop, — Secord
67. Mr. Somerhalder
68. Accepted practice
69. Venerated vil-lager
70. Nav. design-
71. Attach a patch: 2 wds.
72. Analyze
73. Nation
74. Odd mixture
75. Writer Ms. LeShan
76. Red-wax cov-ered cheese
77. July 31st to August 1st, 2015: — High-land Games
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9. Cape Island link
10. 'Musket' suffix
11. Shakespeare's — (Playhouse for The Bard's works)
12. Scrooge
13. Petulant
19. Two-seated bicycle
24. Shake up
25. Ms. Vothers of "Family Ties"
26. Common — (Birds on Canadian dollar coins)
28. Alleviate
29. Traveler's documentation
30. Snake sorts
31. Be overly sweet
35. Actress Samantha of 1967 movie musical "Doctor Dolittle"
37. Gladiator's 2150
38. The Food Network creation
39. Coastal bird, variably
41. Cause
43. Sumptuous
46. Trade blockade
49. Courteous word
51. Epitomes
52. Stray calf [var. sp.]
53. Edgar Poe link
54. Demeanors
58. Attraction
60. Lemons/turkeys
61. Region
62. Peter, Paul & —
64. Paul Simon song line: "Hop on the bus, —."
65. Hankering
66. Pastureland

* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries March 21 - April 20

Be careful how you react to criticism today. If you let your enemies see that your feelings are hurt they will go out of their way to hurt you further. Pretend that you are not the slightest bit bothered.

♉ Taurus April 21 - May 21

You find it hard to be modest, but today you would be wise not to draw attention to your superiority because there is something you have missed that could make you look very silly.

♊ Gemini May 22 - June 21

The best way to get over your negative mood is to throw yourself into an activity that you enjoy. It doesn't have to be important, just something that takes your mind off your worries.

♋ Cancer June 22 - July 23

You want to speak your mind today, but be warned: you could be the one who is the topic of conversation if you stray from the facts. What others say won't be pleasant.

♌ Leo July 24 - Aug. 23

This is not a good time to say or do anything that might meet the disapproval of people in power. Yes, there are facts that need to be looked at but don't make a big deal of it.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

If you tread on someone's toes today the consequences could be painful for both of you. Minor differences could escalate quite rapidly into major disputes, so steer clear of people who offend easily.

♎ Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

The most important thing now is that you act as if you care, even if you don't. Others are counting on you to raise their spirits and if you are as nice a person as they say you are you will tell them what they need to hear.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You are never afraid to be controversial but today there is a danger that you will go too far and make an enemy of someone powerful. You may be brave, but ask yourself: is it worth the hassle?

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Don't neglect the needs of those you love in your haste to make a name for yourself on the work front. You could all too easily turn people against you.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

If you help someone today they will repay the favour later, when you are the one in need. In a nutshell: be kind to others and they will more likely be kind to you.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

The time has come to end some kind of partnership. It won't be easy but you know it must be done. In the long-term it will be good for you both.

♓ Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20

You must be honest with yourself about what you want and what you have to do to get it. And if you come to the conclusion that the price is too high then lower your sights and aim for something less demanding.

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